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FROM Chief of []

SUBJECT O Kurt August Herman BUTTNER []

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Ref: MUNI-4642

1. The following is a resume of our information on BUTTNER (spelling taken from his passport, copy of which was sent to Headquarters with ATLA-147, info Chief, WE) and his activities here. We are attaching copies of ATLA-147 for Munich, Frankfurt and Bonn.

2. BUTTNER left Togo by air on 17 January 1963, a few days after the coup d'etat of 13 January. There were rumors circulating in Lomé that he had driven [] to Dahomey during the night of the coup but these rumors were subsequently proved false. We heard nothing further about him until 24 January. On that date, [] was in a hotel room in Lagos with [] when a representative of the West German Embassy in Lagos (who we presume to be the Press Attache) entered and told [] that BUTTNER was returning to Lagos the next day from Germany to see him. This was reported in [] with copy to Frankfurt. Apparently the Germans changed their minds about recontacting [] for [] indicates that BUTTNER has not appeared there. He has not shown up in Lomé (as of 15 February) though his family still is living here. For the record, we are attaching for Headquarters only, one photograph of the house BUTTNER rents in Lomé.

3. In [], to Headquarters only, we reported that BUTTNER had brought a radio technician to Lomé, and he was working out of [] office. This information was expanded in ATLA-127. (If addressees interested in receiving copy, suggest it request same from Headquarters) We have not been able to find out the name of this technician, and apparently he left Togo after the coup.

4. The above comprises all we know about BUTTNER. If we hear of his return to Lomé, addressees will be kept advised.

Atts: as stated above

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